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Reply to Office Action of February 2, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 28, 29, 31 and 32 remain in this application. Claims 30 and 33 through 37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 28, 31 and 32 have been amended.

Claims 33 through 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 33 through 37 have been canceled, so this rejection is considered to be moot. However, in view of this rejection, Applicant has amended claims 28, 31 and 32 to clarify that each key represents a symbol or symbols, without regard to the number of syllables of each symbol. Approval of claims 28, 31 and 32 as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 28, 29 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,005,498 to Yang, et al. ("Yang, et al. patent").

The above Office Action indicates that claims 30 and 31 would be allowable it rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection above and to include the limitations of the base claim, namely independent claim 28. Accordingly, in addition to the changes to the claims described above, independent claim 28 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 30. Therefore, allowance of claim 28 is believed warranted.

Claims 29, 31 and 32 depend from and include all limitations of independent claim 28 as amended. Therefore, claims 29, 31 and 32 are in condition for allowance for the reason stated above for claim 28.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 28, 29, 31 and 32 are respectfully requested.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Also, no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this response, including any fees for Extensions of Time, or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention, are supported by the specification and drawings, and are in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns that may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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